

**REMARKS**

Attention is drawn to the supplemental IDS being filed herewith to update the references of record to reflect activity in related cases.

Summary: Claims 2-20 were pending. In the office action mailed 2005 October 21, independent claim 2 and dependent claims 2-9 and 12-20 were rejected. (Claims 8 and 9 for §112 reasons, the rest for §102(e) reasons.) Claims 10 and 11 were objected to. Applicant has cancelled independent claim 2; amended formerly dependent claims 10 and 11 to now be independent; added new independent claim 22; amended existing dependent claims 3-9 and 12-20; and added new dependent claims 21 and 23-56.

The Examiner had rejected independent claim 2 as being anticipated by Harari '145, but indicated that claims 10 and 11 were allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has accordingly brought the limitations of claim 2 separately into 10 and 11. More specifically, in claim 10, "CompactFlash card" has been substituted everywhere for "assembly", and in claim 11 "MultiMediaCard card" has been substituted everywhere for "removable expansion card". New independent claim 22 has been added. This claim has all of the limitations of former claim 2, and further in the preamble a) adds "at least one" language to the removable expansion card and b) adds that "each removable expansion card being of one of a plurality of card types", and at the end of the claim adds "and the expansion module is adapted for use with at least a MultiMediaCard card type of the plurality of card types". The "at least one" language was also propagated through the rest of the claim to conservatively assure antecedent basis. It is believed that claim 22 will not require any substantive additional examination effort and is believed to

provide appropriate and reasonable further clarification of the scope of the invention within the spirit of the allowable subject matter of claim 11.

Dependent claims that had originally depended from claim 2 (other than claims 10 and 11) were amended to instead depend from claim 10. The §112 problems of claims 8 and 9 are believed to be resolved. There are 16 such claims depending directly or indirectly from claim 10. These are claims 2-9 and 12-20. New dependent claim 21 was added to provide to claim 11 the claim detail originally provided by 10 to claim 2. Thus there is a first set of 17 total dependent claims depending directly or indirectly from claim 10. A second set of 17 dependent claims closely paralleling the first set have been added that instead depend directly or indirectly from claim 22. These are claims 23-39. A third set of 17 dependent claims closely paralleling the first and second set have been added that instead depend directly or indirectly from claim 11. These are claims 40-56. Several minor changes in various dependent claims were made to reflect the added limitations in the independent claims and to otherwise provide proper antecedent basis throughout.

It is believed that no new matter has been introduced via any of the amendments. Claims 3 through 56 are now pending in the application.

#### CLOSING

In view of the foregoing, all of the claims now pending in this application are believed by Applicant to be in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowability at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the application, please telephone the undersigned at the number indicated below.

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